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1. MOSCOW REFTEL PROVIDES NAMES OF THOSE ACCOMPANYING SUPREME SOVIET DELEGATION TO U.S. GERASKIN, GUR'YANOV, KOLYVAGIN, AND MARKOV ARE PROBABLY THE AIDES MENTIONED IN STATE REFTEL.

2. WE ARE STRUCK BY THE HIGH QUALITY OF SOME OF THE OTHERS ACCOMPANYING THE PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION. BORISOV HAS BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED IN U.S.-SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATIONS. VISHNEVSKIY HAS DONE SOME WIDELY-READ, RELATIVELY FAVORABLE NEWSPAPER FEATURES ON THE U.S. ZHURKIN IS VERY WELL INFORMED ABOUT U.S. ACADEMIA, PARTICULARLY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. TWO ACCOMPANYING MFA OFFICERS, SOKOLOV AND KROKHALEV, ARE EXTREMELY ABLE MEMBERS OF USA DIVISION AND FLUENT ENGLISH-SPEAKERS. MAKEUP OF GROUP AS A WHOLE INDICATES STRONG DESIRE OF SOVIETS TO MAKE VISIT A SUCCESS. STOESSEL

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